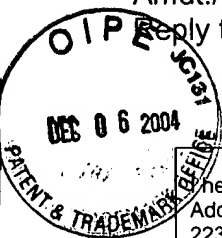


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, the period for response having been extended three months by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and authorization to charge the required extension fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.